



Hillary LaBove

Miss LaBove named DAR winner

Hillary LaBove has been named Cameron Parish's first place winner in the Calcasieu Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Good Citizen Contest. She represented Hackberry High School and was chosen by faculty and classmates as an individual exemplifying leadership, dependability, service and patriotism.

Hillary was one of four school winners who competed on the parish level by written tests on American history and government. As Cameron Parish winner she will compete at the district level and has the opportunity to advance to state and national levels for awards including a \$1000 scholarship.

Hillary is the daughter of Ricky and Susie LaBove.

Tabitha Michelle Nunez, Grand Lake High School, took second place in the parish DAR contest, and Cana Elizabeth Trahan, South Cameron High and Natalie Dianna Griffith, Johnson Bayou High, received honorable mentions.

Grand Lake PTA plans Feb. event

The Grand Lake School PTA is hosting a dinner and auction Saturday, Feb. 19, at 7 p.m. The event will be held in the Grand Lake School gym with entertainment provided by The Little Chenier Playboys. There will be silent and live auctions, with the live being conducted by Mike Montie.

Tickets are now being sold at the Grand Lake School office, Cameron State Bank in Grand Lake or by contacting a PTA member. The meal includes a choice of chicken and sausage gumbo or crawfish etouffee. Each dinner will be served with potato salad, roll, dessert, and tea.

To donate additional items or for questions, please contact Jendi Benoit at 598-3247.

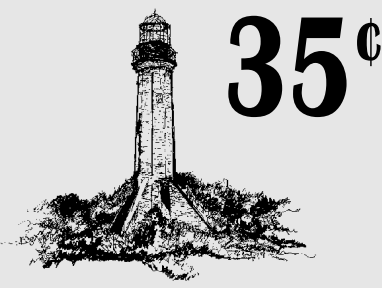
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Attorney hired in jurisdiction dispute

By CYNDI SELLERS

The first steps have been taken toward resolving the issue of jurisdiction between the West Cameron Port Harbor & Terminal District and the Lake Charles Harbor & Terminal District.

The law firm of Allen & Gooch was retained as general counsel for the West Cameron Port at a special meeting held Jan. 10. Attorney Randall K. Theunissen will represent the Port in all its dealings with the Lake Charles Port regarding the Cameron LNG/Sempra project now underway in Hackberry.

At issue is the legality of the Calcasieu Parish based Lake Charles Port Authority owning property in Cameron Parish for revenue producing purposes and charging wharfage fees to ships docking at the site, which is outside its legally defined geographic boundaries.

At the West Cameron Port Board's regular meeting held Tuesday, Jan. 25, Theunissen reported that he had, in his first 15 days on the job, sent letters to both the Lake Charles Port Authority and the West Calcasieu Port and received initial responses from each.

The West Calcasieu Port was asked how much land they owned outside their geographical boundaries and how much wharfage was paid to them on any such property. Theunissen reported that their reply was "obviously, none. We don't operate outside our boundaries."

The Lake Charles Port was asked to provide, under the Public Records law and the Freedom of Information Act, copies of many documents which might relate to the issue.

They responded that the request would involve 35,032 copies and the fees for providing them would be \$10,210 for labor and \$8,758 for copying charges.

Instead, Theunissen plans to set up a time to review the items in person and select only those documents that might actually be needed.

Police Jurors attending the meeting asked if the

Board preferred to postpone the pending Sempra permits until the legal issues are settled. Theunissen recommended the parish take no action which could be construed as approving the current arrangement. The Board asked that the permits not be placed on the Jury's agenda until further notice.

Several members of the West Cameron Port Board restated their position that they are not opposed to the Sempra project, but need to clarify the legal standing of

certain aspects for the protection of Cameron Parish's interests now and in the future.

OFFICERS NAMED

In other business, the Board elected the same slate of officers as last year, by acclamation. Cliff Cabel presently serves as Chairman.

Dwight Savoie reported that petroleum activity in the Gulf has increased greatly. He said there has been no

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Mardi Gras Horseback scheduled Feb. 5th

The 15th annual Krewe de Deux Lac of Grand Lake-Sweet Lake area festivities begin with a run Saturday, Jan. 29 from the home of Jerry and Lori Jones, at 8 a.m.

The Mardi Gras Ball is set for Saturday, Feb. 5 at the Fireman's Center. Mistress of Ceremonies, Shirley Chesson will begin the festivities with a presentation of the flags, The American Flag carried by Margaret Saltzman and Betty Geer, The Krewe Flag by Pat and Gail Hebert.

The 2004 King Jean Lafitte XIV Larry Fontenot and Queen Christina XIV Yvonne Mhire will make their walk before the Krewe members.

The introduction to the 2005 Royal Court will follow, 1st Duke Phil Precht with Duchess Racheal Abadie; 2nd Duke Jimmy Paul Saltzman with Duchess Valerie Precht; 3rd Duke Andre' Abadie with Duchess Renee' Terrell.

The 2005 King Wendell Mhire and Queen Wilma McDaniel will be presented.

Following the court presentation, a costume contest will be held. The ball will begin with music by "Breaking Ground Band" featuring Terry Beard.

A \$10 per person cover charge will be collected. Must be 21, the public is invited to attend. BYOB and eats.

Mardi Gras run planned

The Krewe de Cavalier de Grand Savanne "Cowboys of Big Pasture", a Mardi Gras krewe from Grand Lake, will hold its third annual Mardi Gras run Saturday, Feb. 5.

The run on horseback will be from Faulk Lane to Hebert's Landing on Big Lake island, a distance of 7.2 miles.

Established in 2003, the krewe is family oriented and participants want "to enjoy Mardi Gras in a clean and safe environment."

"Our rules are plain and simple," a spokesman said. "No drinking and no swearing."

A porta-pottie will be provided. For more information contact Denise Daigle at 905-1020.

Applications to be taken in Hackberry

A representative from the Cameron Council on Aging/Cameron Community Action will be in Hackberry on Feb. 3, 8:30 a.m. till 11:30 p.m. at the COA meal site in the Multi-Purpose Building.

Applications will be taken for COA emergency assistance, project care, LIHEAP, CAA emergency assistance and commodities.

Please call Gail at 598-5158 to schedule an appointment and for information needed for application.

Alliance to meet Feb. 3

The Grand Lake - Sweet Lake Action Alliance will hold their monthly meeting Thursday, Feb. 3 at 6 p.m. at the Grand Lake Multi-Purpose Building. The public is invited.



PICTURED ABOVE ARE members of the Imperial Calcasieu RC&D Council signing the final documents for funding to be used to improve Peveto Beach. They are, from left, Juanita Crawford, Deanne Duhon, George Dautz, Dr. Harold Aymond, and Mindy Hetzel.

Erosion project set at Peveto Beach

Imperial Calcasieu RC&D, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, Cameron Parish Police Jury, Gulf Coast Soil and Water Conservation District, LA Department of Agriculture and Forestry, and Louisiana Department of Natural Resources have partnered in a project known as the Peveto Beach Sand Fencing and Vegetative Planting Project.

This project will protect inland habitats, keeping them from eroding into the Gulf of Mexico, by improving 18,800 feet of beach-dune habitat located on Peveto Beach in Cameron Parish.

The major benefits derived from this project will be stabilizing Peveto Beach, building

new dune habitat, and providing education to the public. The project will also result in eliminating erosion, creation of sand dunes that will provide food, water, shelter, and nesting habitat for diverse wildlife species, restoration of native dune vegetation, and creation and enhancement of recreational and commercial fishing.

The total cost of this project is \$91,900 which will be shared by all partners.

Sponsors for this project are the Cameron Parish Police Jury. Council members representing Cameron Parish are Dinah Landry, Tina Horn, Clifford Broussard, and Kenneth Ducote.

Aid offered with drugs

Susan James, representative of MedServices, will be available to meet with potential clients every Wednesday at the South Cameron Rural

Health Clinic in Cameron.

MedServices is a privately owned pharmacy assistance program. It is available to individuals and families who have no Medicare or private insurance coverage for prescription drugs. There are income level requirements, but they are quite liberal. An individual may have income of up to \$20,000 annually, and a family of four may have an income of up to \$45,000 annually.

There is a charge of approximately \$5 per request for each prescription per month. This is a processing fee charged by MedServices to help locate and enroll applicants. The medications are free once an applicant is accepted into the assistance program.

At Ms. James' first visit to the rural Health Clinic, she determined that all 25 applicants were qualified to receive assistance. Each applicant had at least two prescriptions covered, and the average number of prescriptions covered for each applicant was five.

Ms. James invites Cameron Parish residents who believe they may qualify to receive assistance with their prescription drug costs to come by the South Cameron Rural Health Clinic any Wednesday from 9:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Cookbooks are available

A limited number of 2005 La. Fur and Wildlife Festival cookbooks are still available for sale at the following locations:

Hibernia Bank, Cameron; Chesson's Grocery, Grand Lake and from Barbara LeBlanc 775-5701, leave message.

Columnist breaks his hip

Keith Hambrick, who has researched the "Do You Remember" column for the Cameron Pilot for many years recently broke his hip and is in St. Patrick's Hospital where he is scheduled to have a hip replacement.

Hambrick has researched the back issues of the Cameron Pilot and American Press at the McNeese Library where these back issues are on microfilm. He plans to resume these columns as soon as he is up and around.



GRAND LAKE High School Art Club students are working with their teacher, Susan Arnold, on the 9/11 Memorial being constructed at the Lake Charles Civic Center. The students are shown above at the memorial site.

G. L. students aid 9/11 project

The seventh and eighth grade art students in the Talent Program and members of the Grand Lake Art Club are working with their teacher, Susan Arnold, to create the "Ribbon of Souls" for the 9/11 Memorial that is currently under construction at the Lake Charles Civic Center.

Mayor Randy Roach was able to acquire two beams from the fallen World Trade Center and a slab of marble from the damaged Pentagon. He asked Arnold and Barry

Carpenter of McNeese State University to design a suitable site for housing the objects. Architect David Moss then drew the plan to scale and is supervising the construction.

The students are working on a stained glass mosaic "ribbon" that will be 154 feet long and over a foot wide which encircles the memorial. The border will contain 4,289 pieces of glass, one for each person lost in the tragedy. Students will be cutting glass at school and then transporting it to the site for gluing and

grouting.

"We are seeking donations for bus costs and lunches on the days we will be working at the site," Ms. Arnold said. "Please contact me at Grand Lake School if you are interested in contributing at 598-2231 or 598-2986."

Donations can be mailed to the school at 1039 Highway 384/Lake Charles, LA/70607. Please make checks payable to Grand Lake School and include a note that the donation is for the 9/11 Memorial expenses.



SPC. TRISTA RACCA was invited to speak on Jan. 20 at Grand Lake High School by Mrs. Teresa Roach, who was Racca's Pre-K teacher during the 1988-89 year at Cameron Elementary School. Mrs. Roach is now a first grade teacher at Grand Lake. The children asked Racca why she is "over there" and she answered "I'm over there so you can be safe." The children also wrote letters to the troops and Racca will hand-deliver them. Racca also visited Mrs. Smith's class and M. DeeDee's Head Start class. Spc. Racca is home on leave from Iraq and will return on Jan. 30th. Spc. Racca is an aunt of several Grand Lake students.



PICTURED AT A recent luncheon held by the Calcasieu Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy were, from left: Lou Ann Rigby, state president; Robert D. Landry and Willard R. Darbonne, World War II Cross of Military Service Award recipients; and Evelyn Magee, state recorder of military service awards.

Daughters of Confederacy honor several persons

Calcasieu Chapter 1519, United Daughters of the Confederacy, commemorated the birthdays of Generals Robert E. Lee and Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson, and Commodore Matthew F. Maury on Jan. 22, with a luncheon at Pat's of Henderson Restaurant in Lake Charles.

Several honored guests were in attendance at the Chapter's Third Annual "Lee, Jackson, Maury Celebration", including Louisiana Division President Lou Ann Rigby, and Louisiana Division Recorder of Military Service Awards, Evelyn Magee.

Ms. Rigby and Ms. Magee bestowed Military Service Awards on behalf of Calcasieu Chapter upon Robert D. Landry of Hackberry, Robert S. Foreman of Ragley, Vance Neathery of Livingston, Tex., and Mr. Willard R. Darbonne of Carlyss.

Robert D. Landry, a resident of Hackberry, is a World War II Veteran, and was presented with the United Daughters of the Confederacy World War II Cross of Military Service. The UDC Crosses of Military Service are an outgrowth of the UDC Southern Cross of Honor that was once bestowed upon Confederate Veterans. The UDC Crosses of Military Service are presented to eligible descendants of

Confederate Veterans, who have served honorably in the Armed Forces of the United States.

Mr. Landry and Mr. Darbonne, formerly of Hackberry - and who was recognized for his service in Korea, are both descendants of Confederate soldier Joseph P. Landry of the 7th Louisiana Cavalry.

Following the bestowal of the Military Service Awards, Louisiana Division Vice President, Ms. Delma Neathery Briggs, who also serves as Calcasieu Chapter's current President, was presented with the Winnie Davis Medal by her Chapter.

Other Louisiana Division officers in attendance included Ms. Lisa Briggs Reed of Hackberry, Division Second Vice President; and Ms. Terri Reed of Hammond, Division Third Vice President. Calcasieu member Charline Martin donned a period dress for the event, and member Brenda Reed provided a hand-decorated birthday cake; a replica of the First National Flag of the Confederacy.



Tina Horn named to partnership

Mayor Gerald Johnson of DeRidder has been elected Chairman of the Southwest Louisiana Partnership for Economic Development and Tina Horn, Parish Administrator of Cameron Parish will serve as Vice President. Secretary will be Lake Charles Mayor Randy Roach and Kinder Attorney Michael Holmes is Treasurer. The Officers were elected at a recent meeting of the Partnership board for a one-year term.

Mayor Johnson said: "I'm pleased to serve as Chairman. We have adopted an ambitious five year plan to create growth for our region with professional marketing, recruiting and support for existing businesses and industries to grow and prosper."

Horn said "We all will benefit from our partnership and Cameron Parish is pleased to be involved. All of our areas have much potential and this effort will increase our jobs and quality of life."

The Partnership is composed of the Police Juries of Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, and Jeff Davis Parishes and the Mayors of the incorporated cities in those parishes. George Swift is the Executive Director and offices are located in the Magnolia Building in Lake Charles. The Partnership is a public body and serves as the regional economic development group for the five parish area.

PORT BOARD

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drilling rig refurbishment activity lately, but that's because the companies are using every available rig for production. However, he has received some inquiries about refurbishment projects coming up.

Howard Romero reported that the offshore companies have been able to sell all the natural gas they produce, which makes LNG facilities very attractive for the future. Board members were requested to attend Monday's Police Jury meeting at which a representative of Chemiere Energy is expected to discuss his company's plans for an LNG facility on the Calcasieu River.

CONDOMINIUM

Chad Mudd reported to the Board that he and his partners have virtually completed the first condominium on the Port property which they lease on Monkey Island. The condo has a lighted fishing dock, and only needs furnishings to be ready to lease. He reported that there is already a corporate client interested. If the first unit is successful, Mudd anticipates adding more units.

Hackberry News

BY GRACE WELCH

CATHOLIC NEWS
Bingo will be held at 5:15 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 29 at the Catholic Hall. Gumbo will be served starting at 5 p.m. An anniversary mass for Vernie Welch will be held Sunday, Jan. 29 at St. Peter's Church.

TRIP

Robert and Tammy Welch and children, Samantha and Christopher Miller of Hackberry have returned after a week long cruise to Mexico.

Birth told

AUSTIN MARK GUILLORY
Tanya Montie and Randy Guillory of Cameron announce the birth of their first child, Austin Mark, Dec. 27, at Women and Children's Hospital in Lake Charles. He weighed 6 lbs. 3 ozs.

Grandparents are Mark Montie and Ellen Montie both of Grand Chenier, Nelson Guillory and Lou Ella Guillory, both of Cameron.

Great-grandparents are Roy Harris and Beth Harris, both of Lake Charles and Kenneth Montie and Meredith Montie, both of Creole.



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CARLA TILL was the winner of the Cameron NAACP raffle, a color TV set. The NAACP thanked everyone who contributed.



MICHAEL W. SEMIEN, JR. graduated from Sowela Technical Community College of Lake Charles on Jan. 14. He received an Associate Degree in Electronic Technology and in Industrial Instrumentation. He is the son of Michael and Flora Semien of Creole.

AARP offers free tax preparation at library

A representative of the AARP will be at the Cameron Parish Library from 9 a.m. to 12 noon Jan. 31 through April 11 to prepare tax returns free of charge for anyone over 65 and for low and middle income families.

The preparer will do the

following forms free of charge: Form 1040, itemized deductions, interest dividends, business income less than \$400, capital gains and losses and rent and royalty.

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When you need orthopaedic treatment, it's nice to see a familiar face with a solid reputation. Dr. David Drez, orthopaedic surgeon, is now seeing patients in the Sulphur office of Center for Orthopaedics, located at 711 Cypress Street, and performing surgery at West Calcasieu Cameron Hospital. He specializes in shoulder and knee problems for people of all ages, as well as sports medicine.

Dr. Drez is well-known for supporting local athletes, community projects, and providing orthopaedic care for over 33 years. He is Board Certified and Re-certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery. He is the Director of Sports Medicine and Head Team Physician for McNeese State University's Athletic Department and is also a Clinical Professor of Orthopaedics for LSU School of Medicine. He directed the LSU Sports Medicine Fellowship Program for 13 years. LSU recently endowed a Sports Medicine Fellowship Chair in his name. Dr. Drez was a founding member of the Center for Orthopaedics in 1994.

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Drez in Sulphur, please call 528-2900.

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